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APPLICATION OF: Michael McClary, et al.

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TITLE: ALIGNMENT OF TDM-BASED  
SIGNALS FOR PACKET  
TRANSMISSION USING  
FRAMED AND UNFRAMED  
OPERATIONS



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment prior to examination of this patent application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, please replace paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

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*BI* [0001] This is a continuation of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/280,661, entitled "Alignment of TDM-based signals for Packet Transmission using Framed and Unframed Operations" filed March 31, 2001.

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